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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: JOHN WARD
Serial No.: 09/624,136 Group Art Unit: 1764
Filed: JULY 21, 2000 Examiner: V. MANOHARAN
Title: IMPROVEMENTS TO SOLAR STILLs OF THE TILTED TRAY
TYPE, FOR PRODUCING PURE DRINKING WATER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, Applicant makes the following provisional election of a single disclosed species from among Groups I-IV.

Applicant provisionally elects Group II, drawn to a solar absorber for heating a fluid as indicated in claims 6-8.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a full and thorough examination on the merits of this application.

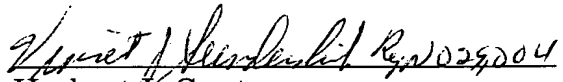
If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #2295/49082).

Respectfully submitted,

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